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REPLY BRIEF

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Sir:

This is a reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed December 28, 2007.

The Examiner's Answer at page 11 addresses the argument in the Appellant's Appeal Brief at pages 6-8. With regard to such argument the Examiner's Answer at page 12 states:

the examiner respectfully takes the position that if in the locked position, the lock arm 256 and the top flat face of the head portion 255 would be in the same plane and a hole is provided in the lock arm 256, then at least a portion of the top flat face of the head portion 255 would extend into the hole provided in the lock arm 256, thus meets the claimed limitation of the mounting post received in the retention aperture.

This argument assumes "in the locked position, the lock arm 256 and the top flat face of the head portion 255 would be in the same plane" but that is not disclosed in Brock et al. In the locked position in Brock et al., the lock arm 256 and the top flat face of the head portion 255 may be in parallel closely adjacent planes, but they would not be in the same plane and thus the mounting post would not be received in the keyhole-shaped slot as claimed. Accordingly, this argument in the examiner's answer is not supported and is not persuasive.